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TROTTIER ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/23/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable by Frink et al (US 6,678,002).

[claim 1]

In regard to Claim 1, Frink et al, discloses a video editing apparatus for performing video editing in real time comprising:

- A video data storage (Figure 1F element 102 HD storage system);
- Graphics processor having at least two video inputs and a video output (Figure 1F element 104 HD video system contains a graphics processor as well as having video inputs from the storage system 102 and the HDTV video I/O 140 which is both input and output device);
- Video decoder having a video signal input and an uncompressed digital video output (Figure 2 shows the codec 216 which acts as a video decoder having a video signal from the router 220 and thereby gives an uncompressed or compressed video output to the output device 240 and further described in Column 9 Lines 35);

- Video encoder having an uncompressed video data stream input and a display signal output (Figure 2 element 206 shows the input of the uncompressed data and sent to the output 240);
- First video bus transferring data between said video output of said graphics processor and said video encoder when said apparatus is operating in a real time video editing mode (Figure 1F shows a video editing system operating in real time wherein a communication bus is seen from the codec to the video data router and to the video output, line 148, in order to transfer data from these elements);
- Second video bus transferring data between said codec and at least two video inputs of the graphics processor when the apparatus is operating in a real time video-editing mode (Figure 1f shows the video inputs to the codec via buses from elements 114 and 120);
- Video decoder using one of said first and second video buses to transfer data to the video encoder in a non-editing playback mode and video decoder using one of said first and second video buses to transfer data to said codec in a video capture mode (Figure 1f shows the various data buses as well as the buses being used to transfer data back to the codec during video capture mode).

[claim 2]

In regard to Claim 2, Frink et al, discloses an apparatus wherein the video decoder transfers data to said codec and to the video encoder using the first data bus (Figure 1f shows the data bus transferring data from codec to the video encoder as shown in the local bus lines).

[claim 3]

In regard to Claim 3, Frink et al, discloses an apparatus wherein data is transferred from said video output of the graphics processor to the codec for compression and storage in the video data storage device (Figure 2 shows the codec 216 which compresses the video signal from the router 220 and thereby gives an uncompressed or compressed video output to the storage device 102 as further described in Column 9 Lines 35).

[claims 4 & 6]

In regard to Claims 4 and 6, Frink et al, discloses an apparatus with a graphics processor with an input buffer for storing a sequence of fields of at least two video inputs and a video output buffer for storing a sequence of fields of the graphics processor video output (Figure 1f shows the HD frame buffer 122, HD disk buffer memory 114 acts as input buffers to the graphics processor while the SDTV frame buffer acts as an output buffer for the output of the graphics processor).

[claims 5 & 7]

In regard to Claims 5 and 7, Frink et al, discloses an apparatus wherein the input buffer also stores input graphic image fields (Column 5 Lines 20-22 describe the input buffer and the storage of the graphic image fields).

[claim 8]

In regard to Claim 8, Frink et al, discloses an apparatus wherein the second video bus is a single bus communicating data multiplexed on said bus to all of at least two video input (Figure 1f shows the input of the data that has been multiplexed inputted into the buffer memory).

[claim 9]

In regard to Claim 9, Frink et al, discloses an apparatus wherein the apparatus has an input for compressed digital video input from external device, and a decompression device, one of said at

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least two video inputs comprising decompressed data from said compressed digital video input (Figure 2 shows the input of the compressed digital video via element 240 and the decompression of the data in element 204 from the compressed signal).

[claim 10]

In regard to Claim 10, Frink et al, fails to disclose the compressed digital video input comprises one of an IEEE 1394 interface and an SDTI interface.

The examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the art that compressed digital video input can have various interfaces including IEEE 1394 and SDTI. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate these interfaces into data communication aspect of the invention disclosed by Frink et al.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Houskeeper (US 6,542,692); and
- Abe (US 6,404,978).

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